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Subject Support password - free registration

Description of Problem or Suggestion:

User registration holds many benefits for both user & DAAC that are unrelated to access restrictions:

- user profile info for statistics
- affiliation with a home DAAC
- persistent user profile info (no need to retype info for each session as in V0)
- reduction of number of user records in the database (currently each guest entry generally creates a new user in DAAC databases)

At the same time, passwords are problematic for occasional users and raise operational costs, especially with password aging.

Originator's Recommendation

Support password - free user registration (as in many of the V0 DAAC-unique systems) for users with no special access requirements.

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Support for password-free authentication of registered users is not recommended. The current ECS design supports access to free services and products via a Guest account. The purpose of a Guest account is to support the occasional user and to advertise ECS services and products. Users requesting billable products and/or requiring access to controlled data and services are registered users in ECS and their authorized access is required to be authenticated. The Guest user account will be treated a single user.

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